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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

JL  
Sir:

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In response to the office action mailed September 8, 2004, setting a three (3) month period for response which expires on December 8, 2004, amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement drawing sheets is attached following page 12 of this paper.